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Dear Jean -

The OHP could not give us a grant because the M.K Valley is on federal property (even though there is some private land still there!) We met with OHP last Friday. They gave us a copy of their letter to N.P.S. OHP.

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Mr. Jack Davis, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Davis:

In the past several months, I have received correspondence and telephone calls from a group of citizens requesting my assistance in preparing a National Register nomination for properties in the Mineral King area of Sequoia/Kings Canyon. There appears to be interest in nominating some cabins and also resources associated with the history of mining in this area.

While I have attempted to be as helpful as possible with this request, I have had to inform this group of citizens that if the properties they are interested in nominating are in federal ownership, it is the responsibility of the federal agency with ownership to nominate them based upon appropriate studies and evaluation using the National Register of Historic Places Criteria. I have indicated to this group that the mandate to evaluate and nominate comes from Executive Order 11593 and from Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Internal NPS rules and policies with which I am not familiar may also speak more specifically to these obligations.

I have in addition informed these interested parties that unless otherwise agreed to under various applicable Programmatic Memoranda of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, a federal agency must consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer in evaluating properties for historic significance either in connection with a National Register nomination or whenever an action is contemplated that may have an effect on known or potentially historic resources. I do not know whether the Park Service is considering an action of the latter sort at this time.

I have had to state to these interested parties that I am simply not aware of the status of any effort by the Park Service to evaluate and nominate the properties about which they are concerned. Accordingly, I am writing to ask your assistance in this regard. Are you planning to prepare an Historic Resources Report for these properties or is one currently in preparation? Are any of them already on the list of classified structures? Has the question of their potential historic significance been addressed by the Park Service to any extent at all? Are any actions being contemplated or already

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underway that would result in the removal or closure for use of any cabins that may, by virtue of age, design or association, qualify for inclusion in the National Register?

Your help in clarifying this situation would be greatly appreciated since correspondence concerning the issues involved is still being received by this office and requires a response. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gualtieri

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State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Stanley Albright, WRO

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